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CENTRAL KWANGTUNG COMBATS FAMINE

Under the leadership of the Central Kwangtung Column Headquarters and the new local government, the Ho-shan Peasants' Association in Central Kwangtung Province is combatting famine that has been plaguing the area for the last 4 or 5 months.

Using the slogan, "Every good man does good turns. Let us unite to solve this famine condition!" the relief program calls for economy, production increase, and mutual assistance among the peasants.

The former conditions of forced borrowing from landlords or rich farmers have been eliminated. Instead, the Ho-shan Peasants' Association formulated the new "village survey" program.

This program assigns peasants to make house-to-house surveys of the amount of grain in each family, to be on the lookout for any concealment of grain, and to study means of lending grain to a needy family.

These village surveyors must abide by the following three rules: the surveyor must not destroy people's property, he must check the amount of stored grain in the presence of the owner, and he must not take anything away from the owner.

Elaborating further, the association announced the following regulations:

(1) All the grain shall be distributed lest there be any waste, (2) a big-eater or lazy worker may not borrow grain, (3) the borrowed grain must be eaten sparingly, and (4) the borrowed grain must be repaid with 20 percent interest.

Simultaneously with the relief program, the peasants are active in increasing production, clearing waste lands, and cultivating miscellaneous crops to prevent recurrence of the famine in this area.

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